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Chair Mary Nichols
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support from the Silicon Valley Leadership Group for the California Air Resources Board (CARB)
Zero-Emission Airport Shuttle Rulemaking**

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board:

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group writes in strong support of the Staff recommendation in CARB's Zero-Emission Airport Shuttle rulemaking and encourages strong action by CARB to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission shuttle buses in California. The proposed rule will provide airports with sufficient time to plan and procure zero-emission shuttle buses and reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector.

The Leadership Group strongly supports this recommendation, in part, because Silicon Valley has the world's most fuel-efficient battery electric shuttle bus technology to eliminate toxic diesel particulate matter and NOx emissions. Forty percent of California's carbon emissions are generated by the transportation sector – the leading contributor to GHGs. Pollution from medium- and heavy-duty diesel vehicles, such as transit and shuttle buses, is one of the largest sources of toxic air pollution in California. The life cycle emissions of electric shuttle buses are the lowest of all types of buses, and zero-emission shuttle buses do not have any tailpipe emissions, which provides relief to the local air quality in the communities they serve.

Staff's recommendation aligns with the Leadership Group's goal of financing and deploying emerging technologies and advancing the deployment of zero-emissions vehicles (ZEVs). A strong regulatory signal from CARB would bolster production and competition, continue to lower the purchase price of zero-emission shuttle buses, and allow zero-emission shuttle buses deployed in California to be designed and manufactured by Californians and supported by California supply chains. A growing number of airports, including Mineta San José International Airport located in the heart of Silicon Valley, are operating zero-emission shuttle buses or have them on order.

The Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents more than 330 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers on issues that affect the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley, including energy, environment, transportation, education, housing, health care, tax policies, and economic vitality. The Leadership Group encourages you to continue providing strong market signals and incentives to support the accelerated deployment of ZEVs, including zero-emission shuttle buses.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to continuing to partner with CARB to ensure California remains a leader in clean technology and healthy communities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at hsickler@svlg.org or (408) 501-7883.

Sincerely,

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